

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Hiroshi SHIMADA  
Title: SOFTWARE QUALITY CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING SOFTWARE QUALITY  
Appl. No.: To Be Assigned  
Filing Date: September 4, 2001  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Art Unit: Unassigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, line 20, change "Fig. 2 is a drawing" to - Figs. 2(A) and 2(B) are drawings- -.

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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